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### NATIONAL RECOGNITION

*submitted by Theresa St.Romain, MA  
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Susie Schwartz  
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Four graduates of the Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute (KPHLI) have received national recognition for their KPHLI capstone projects. Susie Schwartz and the team of Bob Hull, Terri Ploger-McCool, and Jerry Tenbrink were runners-up for the 2007 Balderson Leadership Award, a national award given by the National Public Health Leadership Development Network for the best public health leadership institute capstone projects. Schwartz's project was titled "Open Access at Hunter Health Clinic: Doing Today's Work Today." The team project of Hull, Ploger-McCool, and Tenbrink was titled "A Leadership Summit on Healthy and Prepared Schools." As runners-up for this national award, both projects received an award stipend and will be presented in a special session of the American Public Health Association conference in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, Nov. 6.



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## KANSAS SPIT TOBACCO SUMMIT EMPHASIZES SMOKELESS DOES NOT MEAN HARMLESS

*submitted by Ginger Park, MS*

*KDHE, Kansas Tobacco Use Prevention Program*



Oral cancer survivor and summit presenter Gruen Von Behrens visits with fellow presenter Niki Sue Mueller, Program Director for Wyoming Through with Chew.

More than 150 tobacco control advocates, oral health professionals and teens from across Kansas attended the Kansas Spit Tobacco Summit, "Smokeless Does Not Mean Harmless," in Hutchinson on Aug. 29. The Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition (TFKC), the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Tobacco Use Prevention Program, and TASK, the statewide youth movement against tobacco, hosted this free summit.

One of the summit's opening speakers, Gruen Von Behrens, said his is not the face that tobacco companies will picture in their ads. Von Behrens had his lower jaw removed when he was 17 because of oral cancer caused by spit tobacco. Now in his 20s and after 30 disfiguring surgeries, he is working to prevent others from experiencing his fate.

"Spit tobacco has ruined my life," Gruen Von Behrens said. "If I had known then what I know now, I never would have put a dip in my mouth. Spit tobacco seemed harmless, but in reality it was more than I could handle."

The Kansas Spit Tobacco summit was held to raise awareness and provide education on the dangers of spit tobacco. Youth and adult tobacco prevention advocates learned how to reduce spit tobacco use in their communities through promotion, education and policy change. Oral health professionals learned more about the physical effects of spit tobacco and how to counsel patients to help them end the addiction.

Kansans have a higher than average use of spit tobacco. The 2005 Kansas Youth Risk Behavior Survey shows 17.4 percent of Kansas high school males report current use of smokeless tobacco compared to the estimated national prevalence of 13.6 percent.

Summit funding was provided by the Sunflower Foundation: Health Care for Kansans, a Topeka-based philanthropic organization with the mission to serve as a catalyst for improving the health of Kansans.

For information on the Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition go to [www.tobaccofreekansans.org](http://www.tobaccofreekansans.org) or the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Tobacco Use Prevention Program of to [www.kdheks.gov/tobacco/index.html](http://www.kdheks.gov/tobacco/index.html).



Oral cancer survivor Gruen Von Behrens captivates a packed room with the story of the 30 disfiguring surgeries he's undergone to treat his cancer caused by spit tobacco.

## WALD: PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT-POWERS FOR RESPONDING TO PANDEMIC FLU

*submitted by Theresa St.Romain, MA*

*KPHLI Coordinator, KU School of Medicine - Wichita*



Bob Parnacott, JD, the assistant city counselor of Sedgwick County, originally presented "Public Health Emergency Management: Powers for Responding to Pandemic Flu" on Mar. 21, 2006, at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita for the members of the Sedgwick County Pandemic Influenza Work Group. This presentation is now available as a 60-minute web-based self-study course through Kansas TRAIN <http://ks.train.org>, course #1010085. Content focuses on the legal issues in pandemic response that center on the public health emergency management powers during a pandemic.

## LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

*submitted by Shannon Babcock, LBSW  
KDHE - Bureau of Consumer Health*



The Kansas Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Prevention Program will be celebrating Lead Hazard Prevention Week from Oct. 21-27. The program will be hosting several activities throughout the week. The schedule for the week is as follows:

- **Monday:** Educational display in the Capitol Rotunda featuring art from Kansas kids' as well as EPA's "Dusty the Dog."
- **Tuesday:** Free Blood Lead Testing Event at El Centro Inc. in Kansas City, KS; 1 – 4 p.m.
- **Wednesday:** Free Blood Lead Testing Event at Healthy Options for Plainview in Wichita, KS; 1 – 4 p.m.
- **Thursday:** "Zooriffic! Healthy Homes Family Fun Day."

Event will be held at the Big Shelter House at Gage Park in Topeka. Featuring the KC Wolf, KU Jayhawk, and Topeka Roadrunner. Reduced admission prices to the Topeka Zoo will also be available. The 10:00 a.m. – 3 p.m. event will be an educational fair for parents and kids about healthy home issues.

The Kansas Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Prevention Program extends an invitation to join in any or all of our celebration activities. If you have any questions, or would like more information about a specific event please contact Shannon Babcock at (785) 368-7387 or [sbabcock@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:sbabcock@kdhe.state.ks.us).

## 2007 KANSAS HEALTHY HOMES AND LEAD HAZARD PREVENTION CONFERENCE

*submitted by Shannon Babcock, LBSW  
KDHE - Bureau of Consumer Health*

2007 Kansas  
Healthy Homes  
and Lead Hazard  
Prevention  
Conference



The Kansas Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Prevention Program is pleased to announce the upcoming 2007 Kansas Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Prevention Conference, Dec. 4-5, Kansas City, KS-Village West/Legends Mall Area. Registration is through KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org> course # **1010204**. What makes a healthy home or healthy indoor environment? What can be done to help prevent lead poisoning and other environmentally related health issues with the children in Kansas? Be part of the preventative solution! Let the educational sessions planned over the two day period provide the knowledge and background you need to help you make a difference in the health of young people across Kansas. Click the conference logo to download the brochure.

## WORKING ON REDUCING THE COST OF HEALTH CARE SUPPLIES

*submitted by Kathleen Harnish-Doucet, TeamTech, Inc.  
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The Kansas Collaborative is a joint venture between the state, county and local governments with the purpose of saving money, solving problems and networking leaders. These goals are achieved through the work of facilitated cross-government Breakthrough Teams. All of these collaborative efforts are facilitated and managed by TeamTech, Inc., a Kansas-based firm and the founders of The Kansas Collaborative.

One collaborative team, The Health Care Purchasing Breakthrough Team, is now at work on savings for medical supplies. This is the team that brought county and state governments the prescription drug savings for inmate populations as well as partnered with the Kansas Sheriffs' Association on legislation to obtain Medicaid rates for inmate medical care. To date these two efforts have saved more than \$13.5 million statewide with 35 percent of those savings accruing to local governments.

This collaborative medical supplies purchasing effort is available to any unit of local government that purchases medical supplies for most counties this includes the local health department, jail and government-based ambulance services. An initial look at some local pricing versus what is available via the state contract indicates an average potential savings of 23 percent with a range of savings per item from a negative savings to over more than 80 percent.





For now, we would like to ask for your help...

- We are gathering information on what health departments are currently paying for their top five to 10 medical supplies. You might put in your top 10 that you purchase most often, those you pay the most for or those items you think would be beneficial to have available at lower costs statewide...you decide the criteria.
- If you would be willing to participate in getting comparison pricing for your top five or 10 items, then contact me, Kathleen Harnish-Doucet at [kathleen@teamtechinc.com](mailto:kathleen@teamtechinc.com) or (913) 492-4797. I will then send you a brief spreadsheet that asks for product description, manufacturer, manufacturer number and current cost.
- With this information, we will do some comparison pricing and share this information with you. At a minimum, you will all be better informed about pricing so you can be better negotiators. In addition, we will look to offer statewide contracting options for purchasing these items at a reduced price.

Look for more information in future articles about state contracts that are available for medical supplies as well as information about pricing comparisons. Together we can all be more informed and better negotiators with local and state vendors.

### GRADUATION OF KPHLI SCHOLARS

*submitted by Theresa St.Romain, MA*

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The Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute (KPHLI) is pleased to announce the graduation of the Cycle IV (2006-2007) KPHLI scholars. These 27 leaders from around the state in public health and allied fields completed a year-long competency-based training process. The training cycle culminated in the presentation of applied capstone projects in a special session prior to the Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) conference on Sept. 18. Upon completion of their presentations, scholars were welcomed into the Kansas Public Health Leadership Academy for KPHLI Fellows. **Cycle IV scholars were:** Aiko Allen, Hunter Health Clinic; Sherry Angell, North Central Kansas Public Health Initiative; Terry

Bourlard, Harvey County Health Department; Tim Broaderway, KDHE; Steven Christenberry, Family Service & Guidance Center; Richard Everett, Southwest Kansas Health Initiative; Sharon Goolsby, KDHE; Annette Graham, Sedgwick County Department on Aging; Amanda Hodle, KDHE; Lanis Houser, Flint Hills Community Health Center/Lyon County Health Department; Timothy Kaufman, Sedgwick County Government; Allison Koonce, KDHE; Doris Leslie, City of Wichita; Barbara Lilyhorn, Kansas State Research and Extension Reno County; Rachel Lindbloom, KDHE; J'Vonnah Maryman, Sedgwick County Health Department; Diane McNichols, Cloud County Health Department; Brenda Nickel, KDHE; Angelia Paschal, University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita; Toni Pickard, Wichita State University; Laura Quick, City of Wichita; Autumn Schuck, KDHE; Brandon Skidmore, KDHE; Michelle Sweeney, Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas; Carolyn Synovitz, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center; Joan Tammany, COMCARE of Sedgwick County; Nancy Tausz, Johnson County Health Department.

The 28 KPHLI Cycle V scholars were welcomed in an orientation session on Sept. 28. The first Cycle V training session will take place in October. **Cycle V Scholars are:** Christie Befort, University of Kansas Medical Center; Shannon Bergmann, Kansas State Department of Education; Janet Brandes, Wichita State University; Michael Cameron, KDHE; Elizabeth Campbell, Washburn University; Sandy Cline, Ottawa County Health & Aging Services; Irving Cohen, Preventive Medicine Associates; Sue Cooper, Salina Regional Health Center; Heather Henke, Barber County Community Health Department; Tanya Honderick, Johnson County Health Department; Elaine Johannes, Kansas State University; James Keller, Sedgwick County Health Department; Michael Kopf, KDHE; Karen Lockett, St. Catherine Hospital, Southwest Kansas Hospital Region; Charlotte Marthaler, Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department; Shauna Nelson, Johnson County Environmental Department; Susan Norton, Cowley County Community College; Tom Pletcher, COMCARE of Sedgwick County; Dana Rickley, Clay County Health Department; Donald "Buck" Rowland, KDHE; Lou Saadi, KDHE; Swapn Saha, Kansas Department of Emergency Management; Sara Spinks, Kansas Association of Local Health Departments; Becky Springer, Shawnee County Health Agency North Annex; Janet Wertzberger, Wabaunsee County Health Department; Jason Wesco, Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas; Cindy Winters, KDHE; Dave Young, Kansas Adjutant General's Office.

## WHAT IS PUBLIC HEALTH?

*submitted by the Office of Local and Rural Health  
Kansas Department of Health and Environment*

To promote awareness of the Core Functions and Essential Services of Public Health, *Connections* will be highlighting an Essential Service of the month by utilizing "What is Public Health?" *An Orientation to the Public Health System for Participants and Spectators*. **Click on the logo** to download the completed document.

The Core Function Assurance is related to the implementation of legislative mandates and the maintenance of statutory responsibility. It is critical that mechanisms are in place to guarantee that necessary services are provided to both in the public and private sectors, accountability to people setting health objectives and providing reports on progress, and developing adequate responses to health crisis. The assurance function requires the exercise of authority. It also provides the guarantees for certain health services. This Core Function addresses Essential Services 6, 7, 8, and 9.



### **Essential Service #7: Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.**

This service (often referred to as "outreach" or "enabling" services) includes assuring effective entry for socially disadvantaged people into a coordinated system of clinical care; culturally linguistically appropriate materials and staff to assure linkage to services for special population groups; ongoing "care management"; transportation services; targeted health information to high risk population groups; and technical assistance for effective worksite health promotion/disease prevention programs.

The following provides a sample of the activities performed under this service that impact the public's health: Performs self-assessment and develops plans to identify and address priority health needs; Ensures funding is available to provide access to, and services for identified priority health risk communities; Provides targeted outreach and education for special populations; Develops continuous care management systems

Professionals who provide these services include the Public Health Administrator, Public Health Educator, Nurse (inclusive but not limited to Supervising Nurse, Staff Nurse, Registered Nurse, Nurse Practitioner, Case Manager, Licensed Practical Nurse); Home Health Aide; Healthy Start Home Visitor; Social Worker; Epidemiologist; Financial Manager; Board of Health; Environmental Engineer.

### **Questions to ask yourself to help determine if you/your agency perform functions that contribute to Essential Service #7:**

- ☐ Do I/my agency provide information or service to individuals or communities in the course of my day to assure conditions in which people can be healthy?
- ☐ Do I/my agency participate in activities that organize communities aimed at the prevention of disease and promotion of health?
- ☐ Do I/my agency monitor health status to identify at-risk communities or health disparity?

If you/your agency are **not** checking one of the boxes, how will you/we **assure** that this essential service is provided in your community, and how do we as public health professionals work to fulfill that mission in the daily performance of our duties and responsibilities?

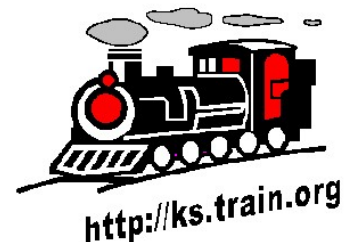
## UPCOMING TRAINING

Click the train on the right to go to the KS-TRAIN Web site. Login to your TRAIN account to register for a course.

To view the live courses go to the Calendar on KS-TRAIN, or the Upcoming Events folder, or use the course number to Search by Course ID under the Seal of Kansas on the homepage.

Forgotten your ID and Password? Contact the [helpdesk@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:helpdesk@kdhe.state.ks.us) or call (785) 296-5655.

- 2007 Kansas All-Hazards Behavioral Health Symposium (#1009857); Salina, Oct. 23-24
- Essentials for Healthy Home Practitioners Course (#1008328); KCMO, Oct. 2-3
- Healthy Start Home Visitor Fall Regional Training (#1009594); WaKeeney, Oct. 10; Beloit, Oct. 11; Os-kaloosa, Oct. 17; Hugoton, Oct. 24; Greensburg, Oct. 25; Sedan, Oct. 26;



- HIV Prevention & Behavior Change Counseling Strategies (#1007341); Wichita, Nov. 1-2
- Home Visitor Training (#1003934); Girard, Starting Oct. 25
- Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds-Fall Series (#1010185, 1010186, 1010195); Sept. 26, every Wednesday this fall.
- KDHE Exercise and Evaluation and After Action Reports for Health Care (#1009236); Hays, Oct. 22; Garden City, Oct. 23; Wichita, Oct. 26
- KDHE: Medical Management of the Contaminated Pt - Two Day Training (# 1009717); Seneca, Oct. 8-9; Ulysses, Oct 16-17; North Central Region, Oct. 25-26; Pittsburg, Nov. 12-13; Kansas City Region, Dec. 10-11
- Hazmed: Medical Management of the Contaminated Patient (#1005234); Kansas City, Oct. 29-30
- HAZWOPER Operations Refresher 2007-2008 Annual Update (#1010108); Ellsworth, Oct. 30
- Risk Assessment and Risk Management: Determination (#1009702); Internet, Oct.18
- Commission on Emergency Planning & Response (CEPR) Meeting; (#1010169); Topeka, Dec. 7
- KDEM Trng "Incident Command System (ICS) 300: Intermediate (#1005980); Garden City, Oct. 25-26; Junction City, Nov. 6-7; Johnson City, Nov. 13-14
- KDEM Trng "Incident Command System (ICS) 400: Advanced (#1006059); Lawrence, Oct. 2-3; Wichita, Oct. 3-4; Pittsburg, Oct 15-16; Junction City, Dec. 5-6
- KDEM Trng "Basic Public Information Officer (PIO)" (#1010024); Olathe, Nov. 26-29
- 2007 Saf-T-Pak Class 6.2 Compliance Training Seminars; KCKS, Oct. 25
- 5th Annual Critical Care Symposium; Topeka, Oct.11-12
- American Stroke Association - State Stroke Systems, EMS Drives the Plan; Overland Park, Oct. 4
- Becoming a Sage: Tools to Renew the Practitioner's Commitment to Quality; Overland Park, Nov. 15
- Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Childhood Abuse and Neglect; Topeka, Nov. 6-8
- Healthy Indoor Environments Conference; KCMO, Oct. 4-5
- Kansas Environmental Conference; Hutchinson, Oct. 3-5
- Kansas - HAZMAT/WMD Symposium; Overland Park, Nov. 16-18
- Legislative Awareness Training II; KCKS, Oct. 19
- Putting the "U" in Patient Safety - Unharmed, Uninjured, Unscathed; Overland Park, Oct. 18
- Responding to Terrorist Incidents & Major Disasters; Wichita, Oct.13-21
- The 10th Annual Stroke Symposium Impacting Care, Improving Outcomes; Overland Park, Oct. 4-5
- When Bad Things Happen; Helping Put the Pieces Back Together; Coffeyville, Oct. 9

#### **How to Create Your Own Learner Account on KS-TRAIN:**

1. Log onto <http://ks.train.org>
2. Click "create account" on the left hand side of the screen beneath the "login" button.
3. Complete the learner account by filling out all the necessary profile information on the subsequent pages. Required fields are indicated with a red asterisk (\*).
4. Write down your User ID and Password in a secure place.

#### **KALHD SPONSORING BILLING FORUM/DISCUSSION GROUP**

*submitted by Kathleen A. Kroupa*

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Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD) is sponsoring a billing forum/discussion group (list server) where local health department (LHD) staff who have a role in the billing process can post questions and exchange information, via e-mail, with LHD peers on billing issues. This is open to LHD staff regardless of whether you use Netsmart-QS/Insight, KIPHS/PHClinic, HealthPro, etc or bill manually. We know that many of you attend the regional billing workshops/meetings and KALHD is providing this

additional communication avenue for you to share information in between meetings or if can not attend meetings. And you can participate even if you do not attend regional billing meetings.

How does it work? A list server is a communication tool that allows a person to send a question to one e-mail address, [billing@lists.kalhd.org](mailto:billing@lists.kalhd.org), and have it be viewed by all participants (subscribers) of the list server. If you respond to [billing@lists.kalhd.org](mailto:billing@lists.kalhd.org) that response is also sent to all subscribers of the list serve. This is a great way for inexperienced billers to submit questions to more experienced billers and also for the more experienced billers to share tips with others.

If you would like to participate, go to the KALHD internet Web site at [www.kalhd.org](http://www.kalhd.org), select **MEMBER FORUMS** (on the left hand menu bar) and then choose **BILLING DISCUSSION GROUP**. The page links you to a place to join the list serve

### JOB OPENING AT SEDGWICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Sedgwick County Health department is taking applications for the following positions:

- Senior Disease Investigator
- ARNP/PA – General Clinic - [20001829082207](http://20001829082207)
- Epidemiologist I - [20002318091407](http://20002318091407)
- Health Babies RN Project Manager - [20002647091807](http://20002647091807)

For more information click the Sedgwick Seal on the right, or contact Jeff Goetzinger, Human Resource Assistant, Sedgwick County Health Department at (316) 660-7333.



### JOHNSON COUNTY JOB OPENINGS



The Johnson County Public Health Department, located in the Kansas City Metro area is seeking applicants for the following position:

- Child Care Facilities Specialist #PBH104300

To review the job specifications click on the Johnson County logo on left and scroll down the page.

Interested applicants may send resume and cover letter to Stacy Barr, Recruiter; [stacy.barr@jocogov.org](mailto:stacy.barr@jocogov.org) or for complete details and to apply on-line, visit <http://hr.jocogov.org>; or fax resume to (913) 715-1419; or mail to: Johnson County Human Resources; 111 S. Cherry, Suite 2600; Olathe, KS 66061. EOE

### ABUSE DOESN'T HAVE TO HAPPEN

*submitted by Linda Wilburn  
Public Health Foundation*



Each year an alarming one in four adolescents reports verbal, physical, emotional, or sexual abuse. The Public Health Foundation in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention wanted to inform you about the Choose Respect Campaign, an initiative to prevent teen dating abuse.

Use the 30+ eye-catching resources as intervention tools in your organization and communities. The Choose Respect resources will help you teach teens how to form, build, and sustain healthy relationships, and assist parents and adults in recognizing the warning signs of abuse. "Causing Pain: Real Stories of Dating Abuse and Violence," an award winning DVD, contains true accounts of abusive relationships, so that teens and parents can recognize and prevent dating abuse in

their own lives or in the lives of loved ones.

Please find a complete listing of campaign materials at the PHF bookstore <http://bookstore.phf.org>. For questions, please contact Linda Wilburn at [lwilburn@phf.org](mailto:lwilburn@phf.org) or (202) 218-4404.

### LINKS

#### Regional Public Health Meetings and Billing Workshops

Click on the **Public Health sign** to view dates, times, and locations of Regional Public Health meetings and Billing Workshops.



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